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1. Harbor: There is no bar in subject port. The least depth in the usual channel at low water is 17 feet. Least depth at low water at anchorage is 26 feet. Rise and fall of spring tides is 9 feet, rise and fall of neap tides is 7 feet. The anchorage is not exposed to winds. Bottom is sand and mud and is good holding ground. Current in the channel runs westerly at flood, easterly at ebb. In entering or leaving subject port, masters are cautioned to keep well clear of the breakwater, because the area is silting up badly. Mureles Park buoy is often unlighted, missing, or out of position and is not to be depended on. Reliable pilots, experienced in handling vessels as large as the C-3 type are available, but are considered unnecessary. Dredging operations are in progress at Macuripe anchorage.
2. Landing Facilities: There are no tugs available. Seventy (70) lighters of various sizes, all open, are available. Total capacity: 3250 tons. Seven dock cranes of 1 1/2 tons capacity each, are available. Several small launches are available.
3. Operations and Capacity: Sufficient longshoremen are available. Average tons per hour is 12 tons on bagged cargo, and seven tons on general cargo. Regular working hours are from 0700 to 1100, 1300 to 1700 days, and 1900 to 2300, 2400 to 0400 nights. Overtime may be worked between the hours of 1100 to 1300, 1700 - 1900, 2300 - 2400.
4. Storage Facilities: Little or no storage facilities are available.
5. Repair Facilities: Only minor hull, electrical and electronic repairs can be made. There are no facilities for repairing propellers, gyro compass, RDF, radios, fathometer, sonic depth finders, radar, or lorans.
6. Supplies and Utilities: Fresh water can be obtained from the dock at the rate of six tons per hour. This water is bad for drinking and poor for boilers. No ballast can be obtained.

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